

SECTION 7. Not later than December 31, 2011, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners shall develop the curriculum and adopt rules for the approval or administration of the training program required by Section 1301.3576(2), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 8. Section 1301.3576, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, does not apply to a master plumber who, on or before January 1, 2012, provides the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners with a certificate of insurance that meets the requirements of Section 1301.552, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, and that is effective on January 1, 2012.

SECTION 9. Section 1301.552, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a permit issued on or after the effective date of this Act. A permit issued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the permit is issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

Passed by the House on April 7, 2011: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2376 on May 16, 2011: Yeas 105, Nays 37, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 10, 2011: Yeas 31, Nays 1.

Approved June 17, 2011.

Effective September 1, 2011.

CHAPTER 527

H.B. No. 2382

AN ACT

relating to notice required upon nonrenewal of property and casualty insurance policies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 551.105, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.105. NONRENEWAL OF POLICIES; NOTICE REQUIRED. Unless the insurer has mailed written notice of nonrenewal to the insured not later than the 30th day before the date on which the insurance policy expires, an insurer must renew an insurance policy, at the request of the insured, on the expiration of the policy. *Notwithstanding the failure of an insurer to comply with this section, the policy shall terminate on the effective date of any replacement or succeeding insurance policy with another carrier with respect to the insured (a) personal automobile, (b) home, farm, ranch, dwelling, duplex, or apartment, or (c) other real or personal property.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

Passed by the House on May 12, 2011: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2011: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 2011.

Effective September 1, 2011.

CHAPTER 528

H.B. No. 2387

AN ACT

relating to the selection, compensation, and duties of the general counsel to an appraisal district.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 6.05, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(d) The chief appraiser is entitled to compensation as provided by the budget adopted by the board of directors. The chief appraiser's compensation may not be directly or indirectly linked to an increase in the total market, appraised, or taxable value of property in the appraisal district. The chief appraiser may employ and compensate professional, clerical, and other personnel as provided by the budget, *with the exception of a general counsel to the appraisal district.*

(j) *The board of directors of an appraisal district may employ a general counsel to the district to serve at the will of the board. The general counsel shall provide counsel directly to the board and perform other duties and responsibilities as determined by the board. The general counsel is entitled to compensation as provided by the budget adopted by the board.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

Passed by the House on May 3, 2011: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2011: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 529

H.B. No. 2422

AN ACT

relating to the procedure for providing a copy of the final decree of dissolution of a marriage to a party who waived service of process.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 6.710, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6.710. ~~NOTICE [COPY] OF FINAL DECREE.~~ The clerk of the court shall mail a *notice of the signing [copy]* of the final decree of dissolution of a marriage to the party who waived service of process under Section 6.4035 ~~[by mailing the copy of the decree to the party]~~ at the mailing address contained in the waiver or ~~[to]~~ the office of the party's attorney of record. *The notice must state that a copy of the decree is available at the office of the clerk of the court and include the physical address of that office.*

SECTION 2. Section 6.710, Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a suit for dissolution of a marriage filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit for dissolution of a marriage filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

Passed by the House on May 3, 2011: Yeas 137, Nays 7, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2011: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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